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In re Application of:)
Bernard BENE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1723
Application No.: 10/526,498) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: March 4, 2005)
For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND) Confirmation No.: 7337
CONTROL METHOD FOR A)
BLOOD TREATMENT)
EQUIPMENT)

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 13, 2006, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 4, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed foreign document is attached. A copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed.

An English-language abstract of the EP 0 658 352 is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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